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Jawad probes Iraqi, Jordanian landscapes

By Meg Abu Hamdan  
Special to the Jordan Times

ONE WOULD not expect to see anything very new in Iraqi-born artist Bassem Sheikh Jawad's exhibition of paintings now on show at the Holiday Inn, which follows hot on the heels of his last exhibition, held only six months ago at the same venue.

Before seeing this, his third solo show in Jordan, the most one would hope for after so short a period of time, would be the gradual development of the ideas and techniques the artist had been concerned with -- which in this case had been mostly decorative work carried out on large scraps of untreated leather.

Therefore it comes as some surprise -- and relief -- to see that this decorative work has been almost entirely abandoned by the artist, and in its place are a series of watercolours which examine the relationship between the varying types of Jordanian and Iraqi landscapes. They may not be the best paintings of their kind, but they represent at least an attempt by the artist to express a vision that he obviously carries around with him wherever he goes, and as such they represent a more sincere and valid kind of art.

It is the swampy verdant beauty of the Iraqi marshes that never leaves Mr. Jawad -- that much is not difficult to see. What is more difficult to identify however, is whether the repetition of the same compositional formula -- that of the pleasingly horizontal, where the broad stretch of water is cut off from the equally broad stretch of faintly washed sky by a band of trees which hide, at some point amidst their thick foliage, all but the small green dome of a tiny mosque -- is because the artist finds that it "works", or whether Mr. Jawad is obsessed with painting the same kind of scene in all its nuances of different light and

shade until the inspiration it exerts has been exhausted. One would only think of, or suspect the former because of the artist's previous decorative work. But, on talking to Mr. Jawad, one feels it is, in fact, the latter.

Nevertheless, despite assurances to the contrary, these landscapes give the impression that they are imaginary, an impression that is reinforced by the obvious reality of "Petra". This watercolour holds one's attention not only because of the strength of the dark blue early morning sky, but

also because one feels that the artist has really seen the mystery of the tall square Nabataean tombs and the barren shrubby land that surrounds them. The other watercolours -- although attractive -- have a romantic stylised unreal feel about them, which fails to give them the same substantial presence and conviction.

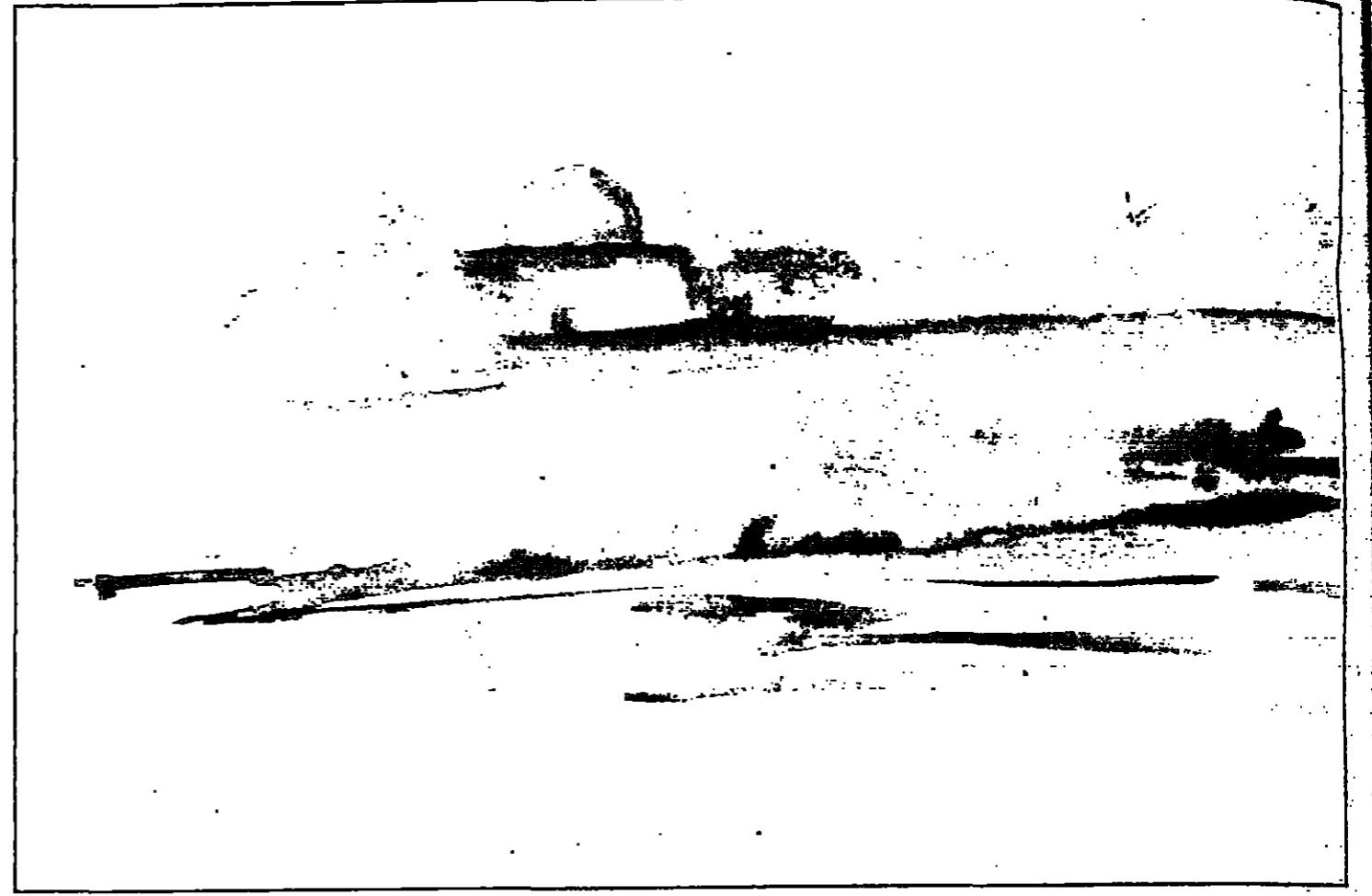
Mr. Jawad has used the medium of watercolour often to good effect. The skies -- sometimes a rusty brown reflecting the earth, sometimes a more daring Virginia creeper red or soft pink -- are

applied in thick brushstrokes which leave much of the white of the paper visible. This emphasises the light and gives a certain spontaneity, while a blurring or smudging the colours produces well the watery reflections of the tree-lined bank. But the artist must take care with this technique as it can make one feel that the smudging is a mistake in the application of the medium.

The series of very small watercolours play with a similar sort of theme -- tiny houses and mos-

ques that dominate the flat landscape or mingle with the trees in the same soft but good colours. Where the artist has adhered to the one medium, these small paintings are attractive, but where he has outlined or drawn the mosque and houses with felt-tip colours, they become deliberate, heavy and overworked in the washes and hues that surround them.

The exhibition runs until Dec. 21 and prices start at JD 25 for the small watercolours.



Watercolour landscape by Bassem Sheikh Jawad (detail)

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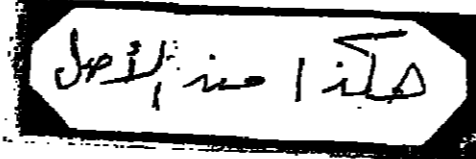
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## Bucharest mayor sees down Prince, Qasem

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — Visiting Bucharest Mayor Gheorghe yesterday called on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, whom he exchanged views on Jordanian-Romanian economic relations.

The Prince and the mayor emphasised the need to bolster bilateral and economic cooperation between the two countries. Pans and his delegation were received also by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem. Discussion during the meeting centred on East developments and Israel's aggressive policies through world peace. Also discussed was Israel's recent decision to occupy the Syrian Golan Heights, in violation of United Nations resolutions and the U.N. charter.

A dinner banquet given by Mayor Isam Ajlouni in honour of the Prince and his delegation, it was announced that one of the main capital's streets will bear the name of Amman, and one of its streets will be named after Bucharest.

Pans and his delegation today visited the ancient city of Petra.

## Amico board discusses mining projects, budget

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Arab Mining Company's board of directors yesterday opened meeting at the company's headquarters to review progress in projects carried out by Amico in Arab countries.

The board's participation in mining projects in Tunisia, North Yemen and Morocco will also be discussed by the board, along with Amico's budget.

The board are delegates from Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and Libya.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**Scientific municipalities to be rewarded**

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — A ceremony will be held here tomorrow to distribute prizes to municipalities excelling in offering services in 1980, under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The total value of these prizes amounts to JD 50,000, according to Al Ra'i newspaper. It said that the ceremony, to be held at the government's girls school, winning municipalities will also receive collections of books in their libraries.

**Alarm project gets JD 7,000**

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Jordan-French Insurance Company has made a JD 7,000 donation to the Civil Defence Directorate to help it carry out its planned rapid notice alarm project, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by Director of Civil Defence Maj. Gen. Khaled Al Tarazi, who said that the project will help reduce the damage to factories and business companies in the Amman area in the event of a fire by enabling five trucks to get to the scene quickly. Maj. Tarazi, who voiced his appreciation for the donation, has a tender for the implementation of the project will be completed in February of 1982.

**Yarmouk gets big phone system**

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — A new electronic telephone exchange system installed at Yarmouk University. It has 1,500 internal lines, 40 direct lines to Irbid and one direct line to Amman. The JD 140,000 project took two months to complete.

**Education chief in London for talks**

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Director General of Civil Aviation Ghazi Rakan left for London on Tuesday to hold talks with British civil aviation authorities on amending a 1979 memorandum of understanding between the two countries. The talks are expected to centre on increasing the number of flights to London by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. Ghazi is accompanied by the director of air transport and Alia representatives.

**Development loans approved**

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils has approved a JD 35,000 loan to the municipal council of Irjan in Ajloun District. The loan will finance the construction of roads in the town. The bank also approved a JD 29,000 loan to the town of Saham in the Bani Hani district. The money will be used for the purchase of a piece of land to construct a school and its playground. Meanwhile, the Cooperative Organisation has approved a JD 15,000 loan to the Diftayneh cooperative society. The money will finance the use of farming equipment.

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West German Ambassador Hermann Munz (left) and Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin sign an agreement Thursday for German technical assistance to Jordan (Petra photo)

## Contracts signed for housing projects in Ma'an and Jerash

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — The Housing Corporation yesterday signed contracts with a Chinese and a local contracting firm for the construction of housing units in Ma'an and Jerash, respectively.

The Ma'an project, in which 426 housing units will be built, is expected to cost JD 3,235 million, and will be completed in 22 months. The units will be distributed to employees of the Ma'an-Aqaba railway corporation, the Jordan Electricity Authority and the glass factory, all situated in the Ma'an area.

The project entails the construction of 71 buildings, each consisting of six flats. Each unit will have an area between 73 and 136 square metres.

The Jerash project entails the construction of 60 housing units at the cost of JD 503,815. The project, to be completed in 18 months, will benefit civil servants in Jerash, who will be housed in buildings of six flats each.

The two contracts were signed by Housing Corporation Director Hamdallah Nabulsi and representatives of the two firms.

## Arab statistics seminar opens today

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — A four-day seminar on Arab national statistics will open here on Saturday.

Participants from 17 Arab states are taking part in the seminar, which is organised by the Arab League's statistics department in cooperation with the Baghdad-based Arab statistics institute. They will discuss concepts, principles and methods of conducting surveys and arriving at correct figures and statistics of national products and their various elements.

The participants represent Jordan, Iraq, Libya, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, South Yemen, Somalia, Mauritania, Morocco, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Djibouti, Algeria, Palestine, Qatar and Syria.

## Bonn signs for 2 aid projects

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — West Germany will help Jordan prevent soil erosion and increase its cereal production, in accordance with two agreements signed at the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday.

Under the first agreement, West Germany will dispatch equipment and a team of experts to Jordan to help the ministry carry out projects in the Zarqa River basin aimed at stopping soil erosion. The area where the project will be implemented is estimated to be 820,000 dunams.

The other agreement provides for aid to the ministry in a three-year programme for improving cereal production. West German experts and equipment will be sent to Jordan for this purpose.

The two agreements were signed by Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin and West German Ambassador to Jordan Hermann Munz.

### Today's Weather

It will be partly cloudy, with a slight decrease in temperature and westerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	6	14
Aqaba	10	23
Deserts	5	17
Jordan Valley	12	22

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 16, Aqaba 24. Humidity readings: Amman 48 per cent, Aqaba 33 per cent.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

**Exhibitions**

- \* An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian Painters," at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- \* Paintings by Bassem Sheikh Jawad, at the Holiday Inn.
- \* Paintings, entitled "Desert", by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.
- \* An exhibition of Koranic calligraphy and illumination at the Royal Academy for Islamic Civilisation Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) in Umm Uthaima (Sixth Circle, Jabal Amman).

**Film**

- \* The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Dernier Saut," a film in colour (sub-titled in Arabic), at 7:30 p.m.

**ACOR lecture**

- \* The American Centre of Oriental Research presents "The Year 3000 B.C.," a lecture by Dr. Linda Jacobs, at 6:30 p.m.

**British Council Christmas party**

- \* For members and British Council students only, at 8 p.m. Tickets: JD 1.5 each.

## Dialogue held on education plans

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan yesterday participated in an open dialogue on education in Jordan held at the Yarmouk University Liaison Office here.

Planning human resources development in Jordan should be consistent with demand and supply needs in the Arab countries, Prince Hassan told an audience of senior educationalists. He said that Jordan is continually supplying Arab states with skilled and qualified manpower, and this should be taken into consideration in drafting a pan-Arab work strategy in the Arab Development Decade.

Education planning, he said, should go hand-in-hand with plans for developing science and technology. He voiced the hope that scientific and technological requirements would be provided for in the new five-year plan for education.

Addressing the audience, Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal referred to his ministry's plans to develop the educational process in Jordan, including the organisation of community colleges. The Ministry of Education has created a department of educational technology with the purpose of helping in the process of educational development, Dr. Tal said. The ministry is now, he said, preparing to launch special television and radio stations to beam educational programmes to students, and will operate a special centre for producing educational material on video cassettes.

During the meeting, directors of education departments in Jordan spoke out, calling for a re-consideration of the teaching profession in Jordan and of the necessity of improving teachers' conditions. They also proposed that municipal and village councils bear part of the cost of school construction and the education of their communities' children.

Another proposal by the participants called for Jordanian universities to recognise diplomas awarded by community colleges, so that their graduates can pursue their education at these universities.

Participants in the meeting saw two documentary films, one about the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied Arab territories and another dealing with the achievements of Jordan's development projects.

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Arabs blacklist Renault U.S. economy expands Laker reported in cash trouble

MASCUS, Dec. 18 (A.P.)—Damascus-based Arab boycott office has decided to list the giant automaker Renault and 20 other firms in Arab World...

Mr. Nurallah, speaking at the end of a six-day meeting by the regional liaison officers of the boycott office in Arab countries at the Meridian Hotel here, said other foreign firms had been placed on the blacklist while five companies had been removed...

The five companies were cited as: Rolls Royce Motors Ltd., Britain, C. Itoh and Co. Ltd., Japan, Hardy Spicer Ltd., Britain, Salisbury Transmission Ltd., Britain, Soofi Enterprises, India.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (A.P.)—The United States economy expanded a bit more than earlier reported during the third quarter of this year...

LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.)—Laker Airways, founded by Sir Freddie Laker, pioneer of cut price air travel, has according to the London Times...

There was no immediate comment from the bank, the government or Laker on the reports. The self-made British tycoon launched his Skytrain service Sept. 26, 1977, after a seven-year battle with aviation authorities and governments.

The consortium is expected to decide before the end of this month on whether to allow Laker to delay paying \$3.7 million (\$6.99 million) in repayments due on this loan.

Laker took the loans last year to buy the new fuel efficient jets. But then the value of the British pound fell sharply, pushing up the sterling value of the debts, a number recession sharply cut back passenger numbers, and Laker's profits slumped.

ATT proposes new textile accord

EVANS, Dec. 18 (R) — Off-ice of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) put forward a draft document which delegates said could be the basis of a new textiles agreement...

(MFA) expiring on December 31, agreed unofficially that an accord was now in sight. The MFA sets the rules for bilateral restraints between the developing country exporters and industrialised countries.

This is a proposal by the 10-nation community to shield its declining textile industry from the devastating surge in imports when an exporter suddenly boosts its sales drive on a particular product.

The pact are estimated at about \$19 billion a year. A GATT spokesman said there appeared to be general accord that a new arrangement starting next January should run for five years, in contrast with the last two pacts which each lasted four years.

U.S. agricultural support bill squeaks through House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (R) — The U.S. Congress adjourned Wednesday night until Jan. 25 shortly after the House of Representatives passed a compromise \$1.1 billion agriculture support bill on a 205-203 vote.

The bill, renewing agricultural subsidies, international food aid and agriculture research activities for four years, was approved by the Republican-controlled Senate earlier this month.

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JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

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# SPORTS

## Ramtha crowned League champions

AMMAN, Dec. 18 (J.T.) — Ramtha Football Club were crowned League champions today at the end of a friendly match against Faisally Football Club.

The match was held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who presented the League Trophy and medals to Ramtha.

Faisally won today's game 2-1 but this result had no effect on the Premier Division standings. Faisally were runners-up in the division and were presented with silver medals.

## Lloyd demands better team effort

PERTH, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — West Indies cricket captain Clive Lloyd today cracked the whip demanding a better effort from his players for tomorrow's important Benson and Hedges Cup match against Pakistan at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here.

"We have come to the point where we have to turn the corner," said Lloyd after a strenuous

three-hour practice session. Lloyd who had earlier organised an early morning run for his team, said that the situation was not yet desperate.

"But we must start to play a bit better, or else we could find ourselves in plenty of trouble," he said.

The West Indies, winners of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup competition against Australia and England in Australia two seasons ago, and favourites for this summer's series, have made a poor start.

The West Indies have played three qualifying games and have lost to Australia in Sydney and to Pakistan in Adelaide after beating Pakistan in Melbourne.

## Complaints over court-side microphones

SYDNEY, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The future of court-side microphones at tennis matches is likely to be investigated after the furor during the Nastase's controversial singles match in the New South Wales (NSW) Open at White City on Wednesday.

Channel Seven, televising the match, was inundated by callers Australia-wide complaining about obscene language during the match.

At one stage linesman Phil Schachter stormed up to the match umpire Colin Haldenby complaining of Nastase's alleged offensive language after a hotly-contested point.

Unknown to the pair, Schachter's complaint, featuring the offending words, resounded through the airwaves via a nearby microphone to television viewers throughout the country.

Asked his reaction to the news that Channel Seven had received a multitude of complaints regarding obscene language, Nastase told pressmen: "Well, they shouldn't watch me. If they don't like to watch me they should change the channel or do something else."

## Coe, Ovett to battle over 3000m in July

LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — World record holders Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett will have their long-awaited battle over 3,000 metres in a four-nation athletics international in London next July.

Andy Norman, England team manager for the Commonwealth

Games next year in Brisbane, said today the pair would race each other in a meeting against Kenya, Spain and Japan at Crystal Palace in July 17.

Coe, 25, holds the world records for 800 metres, 1,000 metres, and the mile while Ovett, who is a

year older, has the world record for 1,500 metres.

Ironically, Ovett beat Coe over 800 metres to win the 1980 Olympic gold medal, but Coe defeated Ovett to take the 1,500 metres title. They met only once before then, at the 1978 European Championships in Prague, where East German Olaf Beyer beat them both over 800 metres, and have not clashed since.

Despite their record-breaking achievements of this year, during which they shattered the world mile mark three times, there was speculation that the pair were avoiding each other.

But Norman, a close friend of Ovett's, said today it had not needed much persuasion to bring them together. "I suppose all the speculation by the media had a lot to do with it. I think they were both getting a little fed up with it," he said.

Norman also dismissed as pure speculation a newspaper report today that the pair would also meet over 800 metres and the mile at meets in Cologne and the United States next summer.

"There is no agreement, and they will definitely not meet in Cologne because the date clashes with another engagement. There is only one meeting at this point," he said.

It is also regarded as more difficult to set up a head-to-head race between them over 800 or 1,500 metres, which Coe and Ovett regard respectively as their specialties. There is less prestige to be lost in a race over another distance.

Intriguingly at Crystal Palace, there is a possibility the two will have to confront Kenyan Henry Rono, who holds the world record for 3,000 metres.

## Future of MCG for test cricket in doubt

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has warned it could bypass the controversial Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for tests next (southern) summer.

The warning came after a meeting of the ACB executive at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground here today.

ACB chairman Phil Ridings said in a statement the board was satisfied the Melbourne pitch was not up to first-class standard.

The board confirmed that the first test between Australia and West Indies starting on Boxing Day would go ahead at the MCG.

But it warned that all big cricket could be taken off the ground next summer unless the wicket is improved.

England makes a six-test tour of Australia next summer with New Zealand the third team in the World Series Cup one-day competition.

After today's meeting, attended

by Australian captain Greg Chappell, one of the most vocal critics of the MCG wicket, Mr. Ridings said: "We are satisfied that, though improvements have been made to centre wicket levels this season, the pitch is not yet up to the standard required for first-class cricket."

"The board appreciates that the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) is undertaking a great deal of work designed to effect further improvements.

"We are hopeful that the pitch for the test against the West Indies will reflect the benefit of these efforts and be satisfactory."

Should substantial improvements not be evident, the board will immediately seek from the MCC acceptable plans for re-development of the MCG pitch area."

Alternatively, the board intends not scheduling cricket at the MCG next season."

The MCG pitches have been heavily criticised in the last few seasons.

Chappell has said the MCG pitch on which Australia lost the third cricket test against Pakistan by an innings and 82 runs last Tuesday was jeopardising the careers of young Australian players.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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♦ Q52  
♠ AQ3

**WEST**  
♦ K1092  
♠ 87  
♦ J1094  
♠ 872

**EAST**  
♠ A83  
♥ 4  
♦ AK763  
♠ J654

**SOUTH**  
♦ Q75  
♥ KQ10952  
♠ 8  
♠ K109

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass  
Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

Some card combinations are hardly discussed in the textbooks. That is because you have to rely on bluff rather than technique in handling them. Here's a case.

North-South arrived at four hearts after a straightforward auction. South gave full value to his fit for partner's club suit when he chose to jump to game.

West led the jack of diamonds, covered by the queen and won by the ace. East continued with the king, and declarer ruffed. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and was now faced with the prospect of holding his spade losers to two if he was going to make his game.

Those prospects were not

bright. The fact that East did not shift to the king of spades at trick two, combined with the fact that West had not raised his partner's overall or led a high spade, suggested that the spade honours were split. The only legitimate way for declarer to limit his losers in the suit to two is to find a defender with a doubleton spade honor and to guess which defender that is. For example, suppose that East had one fewer card in spades. Declarer leads a low spade to his queen, forcing out West's king. Next time he leads the suit, declarer plays low from dummy and East must win the ace "on air," establishing dummy's jack.

But declarer was aware that the chances of a 5-2 spade distribution were against the odds, especially since neither defender had tried for a ruff in the suit. He decided that he had a better chance relying on the human element. So he led the jack of spades from dummy, as if he were finessing! East played low and West won the king. Declarer ruffed the diamond continuation, crossed to dummy with a high club and led another spade toward his queen, thus establishing the lady as his tenth trick.

We will leave it up to the readers to decide whether East should be charged, but we will permit a peek at our crime sheet: East should have realized that the defenders would probably need three spade tricks to defeat the contract. Is there any holding where, if declarer has the king, the defenders can score enough tricks in the suit?

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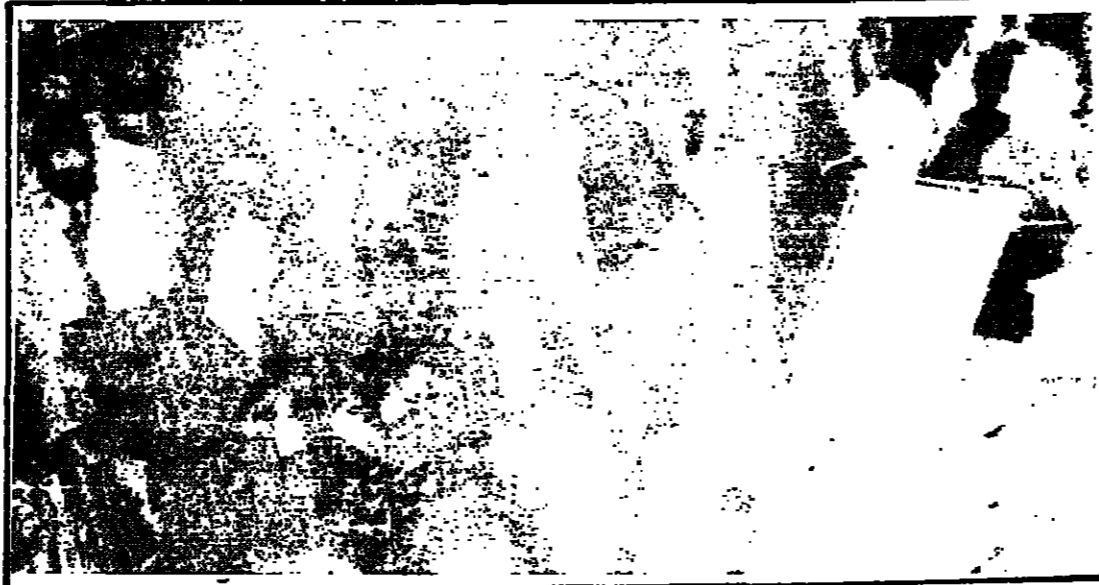
WORLD

Polish security forces flush out resistance

VIENNA, Dec. 18 (R) — Poland's new military rulers made it clear today that they will continue to enforce martial law, despite violent opposition, until order is restored throughout the country.

A commentary by the official Polish news agency PAP said that clashes between troops and workers on Wednesday, in which seven people were killed and hundreds were wounded, could have been avoided. In its first report on the incidents, the agency blamed unidentified provocateurs for the violence at a mine in Katowice and in the Baltic port of Gdansk. But it said: "The authorities will not retreat, for they have nowhere to retreat to... provocations no longer have any future. Socialism will not be overthrown." The radio said the demonstrations of the past few days, "two of which ended tragically", had been coldly-calculated attempts to plunge Poland into chaos. In a separate report, the radio said Communist activists were volunteering to join soldiers and militia patrolling the streets of Warsaw. The radio said later a few thousand civilian volunteers, styled "self-defence groups" and wearing armbands in Poland's white-and-red national colours, were

already patrolling the capital alongside police and soldiers. Their duty was to help keep order, but they were unarmed, the radio said. As the martial law authorities reaffirmed their hard line against opposition, there were fresh reports of resistance from Katowice in the Silesian coal-mining region of southern Poland. A traveller who arrived in Austria from Katowice today said security forces had stormed at least two mines near the city yesterday. The man, who asked not to be identified, said he saw tanks coming from the Staszic mine, where miners were later reported to have resumed work. He had also been told that people had been wounded when security forces took over the Kostuchna mine. But the traveller said miners were still occupying the Piast and Ziemowit collieries in Tychy, 15 kilometres outside Katowice, when he left the city by train last night. The worst violence since martial law was imposed last Sunday was reported from the Wujek mine at Katowice. Warsaw radio and PAP



Polish passengers stranded in France since Sunday's imposition of martial law in Poland await aircraft for Warsaw at Orly Airport in Paris (A.P. Wirephoto)

they had gathered at the grave of former Polish primate Cardinal Wyszyński in Warsaw. The reports said the protesters sang the Polish national anthem and waved Polish flags, and some chanted slogans demanding the release of Solidarity free trade union leader Lech Walesa. Poland's ambassador to Sweden confirmed yesterday that Mr. Walesa was under house arrest. Travellers have reported seeing Solidarity posters claiming that 46,000 people have been detained since the military clamp-down. Solidarity sources in London said today that if correct, the figure suggested that more or less all of the union's 40,000 full-time workers have been arrested. Apart from running Solidarity's labour affairs, they had been responsible for workers' welfare, printing leaflets and posters and distributing food and drugs.

The West German Navy meanwhile reported that Polish warships have sealed off the country's Baltic coast in an apparent attempt to prevent an exodus of refugees. Despite emergency aid from the West, it was clear that the crisis was aggravating food shortages in Polish cities. Warsaw Radio said today that shops in the capital could not cope with the demand for bread and potatoes, because of hoarding. In Brussels, Belgian government officials said that emergency food, medical and clothing supplies were apparently getting through to Poland from Belgium despite the country's isolation from the West. Officials of the European Common Market, which has agreed aid packages worth \$60 million over the past year, were not sure whether cheap food available under the programme was being delivered in Warsaw.

Dom Mintoff sworn in for third successive term

Anti-Sandinista forces form guerrilla units

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Nicaraguans opposed to the Sandinistas' revolutionary government are forming guerrilla units to oust it in a campaign much like the one that put the Sandinistas in power in 1979, an organiser for the group here says. "Guerrilla wars are fought only one way. These methods are not the exclusive property of the Communists," said the organiser, a National Guard officer under the regime of Anastasio Somoza ousted by the Sandinistas in July of 1979. "We are not Somocistas (backers of Somoza), we do not want to return to the past," he said. His organisation, the Democratic Nicaraguan Forces, was formed this summer when the 15th of September Legion and the Nicaraguan Democratic Union merged. "You will notice one of the signers of the merger is Jose Francisco Cardinal, who was a member of the Sandinistas' advisory council. You could hardly call him a Somocista," said the organiser, who calls himself Enrique.

Creationism set for defeat in Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, Dec. 18 (R) — The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was confident today it had destroyed the scientific basis behind a law forcing Arkansas schools to teach that the earth was the result of supernatural creation. The nine-day trial, which ended yesterday and now awaits a judge's ruling, was expected to set a precedent for similar laws pending in at least 16 other states and for another already passed in Louisiana. Judge William Overton said it would probably take several days to draw up a ruling on the ACLU challenge to the law. But after seeing their witnesses humiliated and ridiculed in the trial, the religious fundamentalists who pushed through the law had no doubt which way the judge would decide. They laid the blame squarely and bitterly on Arkansas Attorney General Steve Clark's handling of the defence. The far right, riding high since claiming a large role in President Reagan's election, felt sufficiently committed to the splinter cause of Creationism to intervene in the trial. The Moral Majority, dominant force in the heavily political religious movement, accused Judge Overton of being biased and said the defence had been mishandled. The Arkansas law says government-run schools teaching evolution as a science must also teach the Creationist theory that supernatural forces created universe about 6,000 years ago. Teaching religion is forbidden in U.S. state schools and the defence called 11 witnesses in an attempt to establish that Creationism was a science. The result was a parade of biblical literalists and small-college professors who were spectacularly demolished under aggressive ACLU cross-examination. One suggested insects might have a greater collective intellect than man. Another said unidentified flying objects were the work of the devil. Two said they would under certain circumstances approve of teaching that the earth was flat. Judge Overton, regarded in Arkansas as a liberal, kept virtually silent for six days and then broke angrily into the evidence of a defence witness, telling him he had talked for two hours and offered not one fact. Even in Bible Belt of the deep south, the law is an embarrassment to many Arkansans and most state teachers and almost all its religious groups have joined the ACLU in seeking to kill it.

17 million infants died in '81, UNICEF says

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 18 (R) — Seventeen million infants died this year because no one would finance ways to save them, and a similar number would die in 1982, the United Nations said in a report today. Every child in poor countries could be immunised against six common dangerous diseases at a cost of \$5 per head, but five million of them would die for want of this protection, it said. James Grant, U.S. head of the U.N. Children's Fund, UNICEF, who prepared the document, said there was every reason to believe that times were getting worse, not better, for the poorest children. Hardest hit were the poorest lands of Africa and South Asia, where three-quarters of this year's infant deaths occurred. Mr. Grant said that average incomes in the poor countries of Africa and South Asia were unlikely to rise by more than one or two dollars a year in the 1980s. In Africa, the effects of food shortages had been compounded by the unrelenting flow of refugees and there were now six mil-

lion displaced persons, almost half of them children. The report described 1981 as "another year of silent emergency, of 40,000 children quietly dying each day, of 100 million children quietly going to sleep hungry at night, of 10 million children quietly becoming disabled in mind and body, of 200 million six-to-11 year-olds quietly watching other children go to school, of one-fifth of the world's people quietly struggling for life itself." Mr. Grant said that a child's life was not priceless but was actually worth less than \$100. "Wisely spent on each of the poorest 500 million mothers and young children in the world, such a sum could have bought improved diets and easier pregnancies, elementary education and basic health care, safer sanitation and more water," he said. "In other words, it could have brought the basics of life." But in practice, he said, the price proved too high for the world community and so "every two seconds of 1981, a child—paid that price with its life."

West European Ariane poses serious challenge for U.S. space shuttle

PARIS, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — With a fistful of contracts in hand and two successful launches under its belt, the Western European space programme is preparing the fourth and final test flight of the Ariane satellite launcher. It will be the last free ride before the European Space Agency (ESA) begins limited commercial operations next year and starts earning its cut of the billion-dollar space telecommunications industry. Lift-off is currently scheduled for 0130 GMT Sunday, 24 hours after the first schedule because of a minor problem in the launcher's third stage. Full commercial operations are set to begin sometime in 1983 when Ariane III, with a bigger payload capacity, takes over. In June, the third test launch from ESA's jungle base at Kourou, French Guiana, sent two satellites into synchronous earth orbit, breaking a quarter-century superpower monopoly and showing that a consortium of smaller nations can compete with the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It also helped erase the impression of the disastrous second test, in which the rocket burst into flames moments after lifting off from Kourou on May 23, 1980. ESA scientists said they traced the failure to excessive vibration in the launcher's first stage boosters and corrected the problem. The first launch, on Christmas eve 1979, went off without a hitch. The fourth test of the three-stage Ariane, which cost \$1.2 billion to develop and build, is scheduled to launch a maritime communications satellite and a scientific capsule to measure electron density in the ionosphere. The developers of Europe's answer to the U.S. space shuttle estimate that about 200 weather, civil communications, scientific and non-offensive military satellites will be launched in the next decade. ESA wants 30 per cent of the market and says it already has firm orders from 15 countries for 22 satellites. In a major breakthrough, two orders worth \$50 million were placed last week by the American firm General Telephone and Electronics Corp (GTE). The GTE contract is the first time a U.S. company has chosen to launch a satellite through an agency other than NASA, according to Arianespace, the private European industrial group spun off from ESA to produce and market Ariane. For the time being, the potential market is big enough for both ESA and NASA. "In the near term, it's a sellers market," according to Richard Barnes, the Paris-based representative for NASA. "There are more payloads looking for launch spots than there are launching opportunities." Real competition may begin by the mid-1980s when both the space shuttle and Ariane programmes are in full swing. ESA is funded mainly by France, which picks up about 63 per cent of the tab and dominates the programme. West Germany is next with a 20 per cent contribution. Denmark, Belgium, Spain, The Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Sweden and Switzerland all have small shares. Under the ESA charter, member countries benefit in proportion to what they put into the organisation.

Defence pulls surprise move in Swiss trial of Armenian

GENEVA, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The trial of an alleged Armenian terrorist, charged with slaying a Turkish consular employee here last spring, was recessed shortly after its opening as the defence, in a surprise move, claimed it can produce evidence that he is only 17 and thus would have to be tried by a juvenile court. Mardiros Jamkodjian, a self-avowed member of the clandestine Armenian Secret Liberation Army (ASALA), is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of Mehmet Yergoz last June in midtown Geneva. Conviction by a regular court would carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. For youths under the age of 18, the maximum penalty under the Swiss criminal code is ten years commitment to a juvenile institution. Jamkodjian, in a pre-trial hearing, had given his age as 23, although all observers agreed he looked younger. Jamkodjian's arrest gave rise to the elusive "June 9th Organisation," which has taken credit for setting off seven timebombs in four Swiss cities. The explosions injured 37 persons, one fatally. In addition, the group's bombs have caused minor damage at Swiss targets in Tehran, Copenhagen and Los Angeles. The anti-Swiss extremists, who have demanded the release of the Lebanese-born Jamkodjian, are believed to be linked to the Marxist-leaning ASALA. ASALA, devoted to avenging what it says was the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians by Turks early this century, is believed by law enforcement officials to be the largest of four clandestine Armenian movements which have claimed responsibility for slaying 17 Turkish diplomats and their relatives since 1975. Jamkodjian, who has acknowledged ASALA affiliation, is the third suspected Armenian commando tried in Geneva this year. Given suspended prison terms in separate trials last winter were Ara Yenikomishian, 26, and Suzy Mahseredjian, 25, of Canoga Park, Calif. They were injured in a premature bomb blast Oct. 3, 1980. His Swiss defence counsel, Gerald Benoit, was joined by Patrick Devdjian, a Paris lawyer of Armenian descent. In a pre-trial interview with the Lausanne newspaper "Tribune-Le Matin" Devdjian was quoted as saying that the "defendant did not strike an innocent person, he has struck the executing agent of a policy designed at all levels to obscure the genocide."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

- 8 Thai aides resign
BANGKOK, Dec. 18 (R) — Eight members of the Thai government including Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila resigned today to enable Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda to form a new coalition cabinet. Deputy Prime Minister Prachuab Satharangkul and two ministers in the prime minister's office resigned yesterday.
Imported bandages upset Britons
LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — British Health Minister Dr. Geoffrey Vaughan said today first-aid dressings imported from India were contaminated with "a variety of bacteria" and could have been in circulation in Britain for a year or more. The health minister reported yesterday tests were being done to decide whether the dressings—commonly used in home, office and car first-aid kits—were contaminated with bacteria causing gangrene, tetanus or botulism. He said similar dressings imported into Australia two months ago were found to be infected following an investigation of gangrene. The health ministry identified the makers of the dressings as three Indian manufacturers: Jayar Exports, Basinet Weaving Industries and Joy Industries.
Dr. Richter falls into canyon
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (R) — Dr. Charles Richter, 81, the seismologist who gave his name to the scale for measuring the intensity of earthquakes, was found wandering in a daze in a canyon here after a car accident, police have said. A police spokesman said Dr. Richter's car swerved off a road in Arroyo Seco Canyon here when a tyre burst. He was unable to climb back up the canyon and wandered about for six hours in the cold until spotted by a policeman, the spokesman added. Dr. Richter was taken to a nearby hospital where he was said to be in good condition.
BBC: Poles forced into crackdown
LONDON, Dec. 18 (R) — The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported last night that the Polish authorities imposed martial law after an ultimatum from the Soviet commander of the Warsaw Pact. BBC correspondent Tim Sebastian, reporting from Warsaw, said semi-official contacts had confirmed that Marshal Viktor Kulikov, commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact forces, met Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski last Thursday and Friday. The correspondent said: "He is reported to have given him an ultimatum—if you don't do it, we will." He added that the final order for the imposition of martial law was given only 48 hours in advance.
6 bodies found in El Salvador
SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — Authorities reported finding the bodies of six unidentified young men Wednesday in San Agustín, 129 kilometres southeast of here, and in Nejapa, 32 kilometres to the north. Guerrillas blasted two towers carrying electric transmission lines, blacking out part of the capital for several hours. There was no immediate indication whether the six men had been killed by he right or the left.
CIA agent Hunt gets \$650,000
MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 18 (R) — Watergate conspirator Howard Hunt was awarded \$650,000 in libel damages yesterday against a Washington-based political organisation, Liberty Lobby. Mr. Hunt, a former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), sued over an article in Liberty Lobby's weekly newspaper in 1978 headlined "CIA to nail hunt for Kennedy Killing." The defence argued that the article, written by another former CIA agent, Victor Marchetti, was not defamatory because it did not say that Mr. Hunt was actually involved in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, only that the CIA was out to frame him for purposes of its own. A federal court jury of four men and two women disagreed and awarded Mr. Hunt \$100,000 in compensatory damages and \$550,000 in punitive damages.
British torpedos create record
LONDON, Dec. 18 (A.P.) — The largest fixed-price contract ever awarded by Britain's defence ministry was announced Wednesday—a £500-million order for torpedos. The contract went to Marconi Space and Defence Systems Ltd., for development and initial production of a new heavyweight torpedo for the Royal Navy and for continuing work on the Stingray lightweight torpedo.

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